

State Need Grant Less-than-Halftime Award Pilot Program Report

Higher Education Coordinating Board

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SNG Less-than-Halftime Background

- Prior to 2005, students who enrolled at a less-than-halftime rate were not eligible to receive SNG awards.
- The 2005 Legislature authorized a two-year pilot project in 10 schools for less-than-halftime awards.
- In December 2006, the HECB submitted a comprehensive pilot project report to the Legislature outlining eight recommendations and the cost estimates for full program funding.
- The 2007 Legislature extended the pilot program until June 2011 (ESHB 1179) and expanded participation to all 68 eligible schools.

Summary of Year 1

SNG Less-than-Halftime Awards

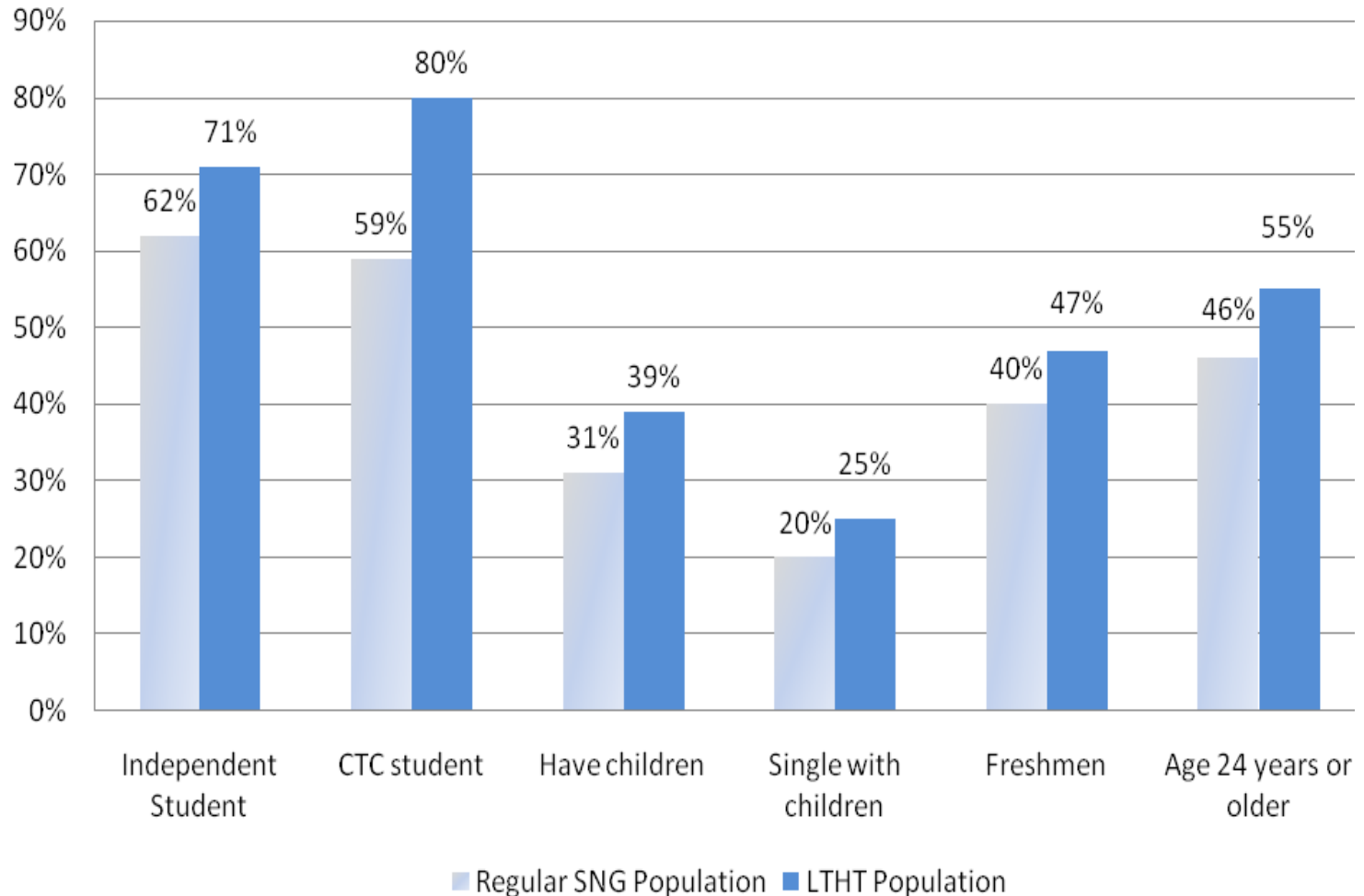
- 1,982 students (64% of those eligible) received funds in 2007-08
- \$500,000 disbursed
- 1,124 eligible students unserved
- Cost of funding these additional students \$310,000

2007 Pilot Incorporates Board Recommendations

Recommendation	Status
Permanent feature of SNG program	Not implemented. The pilot program was extended to 2011. A separate source of funds was budgeted.
No limit to terms as less-than-halftime recipient	Implemented-RCW 28B.92.060 (5) (b)
One-year exception to matriculated requirement	Implemented-RCW 28B.92.060 (5) (a)
Conduct a part-time award amount study	Completed. Recommendations adopted by HECB on January 25, 2008.
Amend "Institutional Financial Aid Fund" statute	Implemented-RCW 28B.15.820
Minimum of 3 credits	Implemented-RCW 28B.92.060 (5) (a)
Encourage institutions to provide other aid	Implemented-RCW 28B.92.085
Initial award without complete FAFSA	Implemented-RCW 28B.92.060 (5) (c)

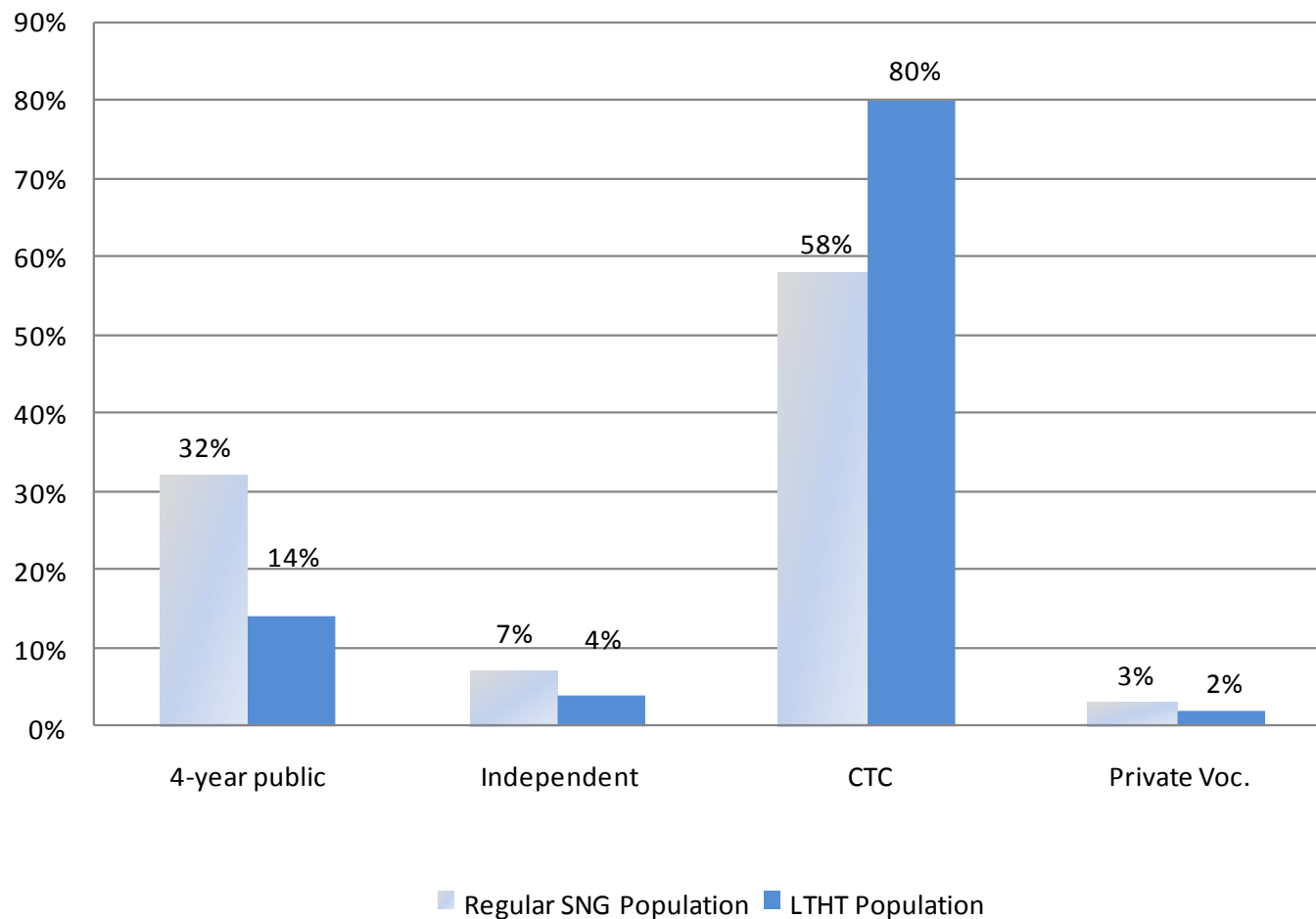
Profile Statistics

2007-08 SNG Less-than-Halftime Recipients



Enrollment Patterns

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Issues Identified

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HECB conducted a program review and identified two issues in need of further consideration:

1. Separate fund = separate administration
 - Recommend making permanent feature of SNG
2. Excluding child support income = difficulty for schools
 - Make permissive instead of mandatory